

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH .
ABSTRACT

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT - Annual Action Plan (district wise) 2008-09 of Horticulture Department- Approved - Certain guidelines- Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (HORTI.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 888

Dated:18 -7-2008.
Read the following:-

From COH, AP.,Hyd. D.O.Lr.No.P&M(1)/2008, dt. 19.6.2008.

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ORDER:-

The Commissioner of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, submitted that Horticulture is a significant contributor to the economy in Andhra Pradesh and it has been identified as one of the "focus areas" for development of the state. The horticulture crops covering wide variety of fruits, vegetables, spices, medicinal & aromatic plants, floriculture, mushrooms, plantation crops and oilpalm etc., has wider applications in diversification of land use for improved productivity, returns, nutritional security, increased employment opportunities, supply of raw material for agro processing industries and it is a critical component for holistic development of farming community. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been given much needed emphasis on horticulture development and number of programmes are being implemented in such a way to reach the targeted growth rate of 4% in agriculture during XI Plan as horticulture is having much scope for contribution towards this direction through increased returns and exports.

2. It is also stated that the area under Horticulture has increased from 3.70 lakh ha., in 1982 to 17.85 ha. by 2006-07 and Cropwise, Andhra Pradesh holds 1st rank in area and production of Mango, Oil Palm, Chillies, Turmeric, Papaya and Sweet Orange. Further the Department of Horticulture has focussed on the key areas like:-

- (i) Emphasis on knowledge inputs including training programmes, field visits, distribution of literature
- (ii) Adoption of modern technologies like tissue culture plants, hybrid seeds, irrigation systems, green houses etc.
- (iii) Evolving sustainable farming practices like Micro Irrigation systems, organic farming, vermicomposting, use of bio-pesticides, multistoried cropping /inter cropping and

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(iv) Emphasis on post production technologies like post harvest facilities, value addition, processing facilities, infrastructure-creation etc.

3. The key focussed areas under Horticulture are emphasis on knowledge inputs adoption of modern technologies, better management practices and genuine plant material to the farmers, identifying suitable areas for cultivation of various horticultural crops, motivation and education of farmers of those areas to take up cultivation of the identified crops on large scale and to provide quality production and productivity of horticultural crops and creation of awareness on water-use management and cropping patterns. Further the Department acts as nodal agency for implementation of various horticulture programmes of different agencies and organizations of State and Central and facilitate in promotion of exports within and outside the State.

4. In the light of above activities under taken by the Department, Commissioner of Horticulture has submitted the Annual Action Plan (district wise) for the year 2008-09 in respect of Horticulture Department as follows:-

(a) Total plan outlay for all schemes put together Rs.13378.37 Lakhs

(b) No. of beneficiaries(farmers) proposed to be covered (approximately) - 1, 72, 315

(c) Total area proposed - 2, 10, 218.50 Ha

5. The above Annual Action Plan (district wise) for the year 2008-09 was considered, approved and launched by Government on 30.06.2008.

6. The Commissioner of Horticulture is directed to adhere to the following guidelines during the implementation of the action plan:-

1. Furnishing of monthly progress reports from July 2008 onwards.
2. Funds meant for a specific scheme should not be diverted for any other scheme.
3. The Scheme guidelines by the Government of India/Government of Andhra Pradesh should be strictly followed. Proper Accounts should be maintained at HOD/District level. Preference should be given to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/ small and marginal farmers while identifying the beneficiaries.

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4. During implementation, schemes should be inspected by the Inspecting Officers of the Department.
5. Submission of detailed implementation Report to Government on or before 30.4.2009.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Commissioner of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
All the District Collectors in the State.
All the Heads of Departments
The Private Secretary to Special Secretary to CM
The Private Secretary to Minister(Agriculture & Horticulture).
SC/SF.

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